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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 4926

FOLLOWING QUITO MSG SENT BOGOTA; INFO CARACAS, GUAYAQUIL &  
DEA HQS WASHDC; REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO:

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 4926

EMBASSIES AND CONSULATE FOR DEA

HQS FOR EOIL ATTN: PLASE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, EC

SUBJ: GFT: LUIS J. SALAZAR-TAMAYO

1. A CI ADVISED THE QDO, ON JULY 4TH THAT AN AMPHIBIOUS  
PLANE WITH COLOMBIA REGIS NR 515 HAD LANDED ON THE RIO NAPO  
IN THE ORIENTE SECTION OF ECUADOR ON JUNE 28TH, APPARENTLY  
LOADED WITH CONTRABAND; 3 PERSONS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.  
NATIONAL POLICE AT FIRST DENIED THE REPORT, HOWEVER LATER  
REVEALED THAT IT WAS TRUE. THE TWO FAC OFFICERS AND ONE  
ENLISTEDMAN WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED  
THEM TO BE GUERILLAS. A COUPLE OF DAYS PASSED AND A  
NARCOTICS AGENT DECIDED TO SEARCH THE PLANE, LOCATING 250  
POUNDS OF COCAINE PASTE CONTAINED IN SEALED LARD CANS.

2. THE PILOT CONFESSED THAT THIS WAS HIS THIRD FLIGHT,  
WHEREAS HE TRANSPORTED COCAINE IN THE MILITARY AMPHI-  
BIOS PLANE (REPORTEDLY THE ONLY ONE IN COLOMBIA AND HE,  
THE ONLYS SUCH PILOT). THE OPERATION WAS THAT THE PLANE  
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LEFT BOGOTA AND LANDED ON RIO PUTUMAYO, IN COLOMBIA

NEAR NUEVA GRANADA, CONTACTED A COLOMBIAN ALBERTO MORENO, WHO HAD SEVERAL INDIANS LOAD THE PLANE WITH THE COCAINE PASTE. THE PLANE WOULD THEN BE FLOWN BACK TO BOGOTA AREA, LANDING ON AN UN-NAMED NEARBY RIVER. THEY WOULD TURN OVER THE CONTRABAND TO JOSE MANUEL CRUZ AND A RETIRED FAC ENLISTEDMAN, KNOWN AS OMAR RAMOS. THE HEAD OF THE OPERATION REPORTEDLY IS AN UN-NAMED COLOMBIAN KNOWN ONLY AS "CABALLERO" REPORTEDLY TAKEN HOSTAGE SEVERAL DAYS AGO FOR A RANSOM OF SIX MILLION PESOS.

3. THE PILOT HAD FLOWN INTO A RAIN STORM IN THE ECUADOREAN JUNGLE AND WAS FORCED DOWN, WHICH RESULTED IN HIS CAPTURE. DETAINED ARE: (A) PILOT 1ST LT. LUIS JAIME SALAZAR-TAMAYO, (B) CO-PILOT 2ND LT. LUIS CARLOS OSORIO-BOTERO AND, (C) SUB OFFICIAL TECH 3 MARIO MEJIA-QUICENO. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE DATA AT THIS TIME. NATIONAL POLICE REPORT THE AIRCRAFT REGIS TO BE H515 RATHER THAN NR515, HOWEVER IS MILITARY.

4. APPARENTLY THE GOC HAS REQUESTED THE ECUADOREAN NATIONAL POLICE TO KEEP THE INCIDENT QUIET. INFO BEING FORWARDED TO BDO IN VIEW OF OTHER SIMILAR TYPE INCIDENTS IN COLOMBIA. REQUESTS THE QDO BE FORWARDED WHATEVER INFO AVAILABLE.

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